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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *22 August 2003*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-22* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-22* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *29 December 2003* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The application 10/647086 filed on 8/22/2003 has been examined. Claims 1-22 are pending in this Office Action.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed 8/22/2003 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1), which requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Specification

3. The abstract is objected because the abstract is a copy of the claim 1 and it is also a part of the summary. Corrected abstract of the disclosure is required and must be presented on a separate sheet, apart from any other text. Applicant is reminded of the proper content of an abstract of the disclosure and the Applicant may use the following guidelines:

A patent abstract is a concise statement of the technical disclosure of the patent and should include that which is new in the art to which the invention pertains. If the patent

is of a basic nature, the entire technical disclosure may be new in the art, and the abstract should be directed to the entire disclosure. If the patent is in the nature of an improvement in an old apparatus, process, product, or composition, the abstract should include the technical disclosure of the improvement. In certain patents, particularly those for compounds and compositions, wherein the process for making and/or the use thereof are not obvious, the abstract should set forth a process for making and/or use thereof. If the new technical disclosure involves modifications or alternatives, the abstract should mention by way of example the preferred modification or alternative.

The abstract should not refer to purported merits or speculative applications of the invention and should not compare the invention with the prior art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

> Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

5. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101, because dependent claim 11 is directed to a computer readable medium for indicia of the method, which is a non-statutory subject matter.

As per dependent claim 11 recites as "A computer readable medium comprising indicia of As per dependent claim 10" as drafted said claim is not technologically embodied to a computer, (See *In re Waldbaum*, 173 USPQ 430 (CCPA 1972); *In re*

Musgrave, 167 USPQ 280 (CCPA 1970) and *In re Johnston*, 183 USPQ 172 (CCPA 1974) also see MPEP 2106 IV 2(b), even though said claim is limited to a useful, concrete and tangible application (See *State Street v. Signature financial Group*, 149 F.3d at 1374-75, 47 USPQ 2nd at 1602 (Fed Cir. 1998); AT&T Corp. V. Excel, 50 USPQ 2nd 1447, 1452 (Fed. Cir. 1999).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fong et al. (US Patent 6,678,867) hereinafter Fong and in view of Jammes et al. (US Patent 6,484,149) hereinafter Jammes.

8. As per independent claims 1 and 12, Fong teaches a method and system to provide graphical user interface for processing information encoded in a structured information format to transform the information into another structured information format, which allows a user to interactively define the mapping for the information

(col. 2, lines 46-51). Fong teaches the claimed step of "a step for parsing a provided template according to a markup language, the template including a start tag comprising an attribute value, parsing being performed to determine a value name from the attribute value" as theism tag in the string of line 64 of Fig. 1C is obtained and it becomes '<t1>'. The transformer obtains the current attribute name and value for the tag. The DTD of Fig. 1A is examined to determine the SGML tag corresponding to the element defined in line 26 with its corresponding attribute list established in line 28 (Fig. 1A, C, col. 8, lines 45-52). Further, Fong teaches the claimed step of "a step for preparing a key comprising the value name" as (Fig. 1B, col. 8, lines 53-60). Fong teaches the claimed step of "a step for preparing a request comprising a portion of the template after substituting the key for at least the attribute value" as (Fig. 1D, col. 8, lines 60-65). Fong does not explicitly teach the step of providing to client the response form the server. However, James do teach the claimed step of "a step for providing the request to a client of the server" as the GET message, which has the format GET <URL>, causes the server to return the content object located at the specified URL (col. 7, lines 30-38). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, to have combined the teachings of the cited references because James' teachings would have allowed Fong's method to provide the information to a user with the response from the server in order to facilitate the developers with the needed functionality and flexibility needed to efficiently generate and control a dynamic electronic store environment (col. 1, lines 31-38).

9. As per dependent claims 2 and 13, Jammes teaches the claimed step of "a step for parsing a message received from the client, the message comprising the key and an update value and a step for updating the store in accordance with the update value at a record accessed in accordance with the key" as software tools of the Merchant Workbench create and update the data values stored in records of the product information in response to user manipulation of the graphical user interface database in response to user manipulation of the graphical user interface (Fig. 18, col. 4, lines 15-18, col. 44, lines 57-60).

10. As per dependent claims 3 and 14, Jammes teaches the claimed step of " "the markup language is consistent with XML" as the designer to have an intimate knowledge of HTML (Fig. 1, col. 1, lines 48-50).

11. As per dependent claims 4 and 15, Jammes teaches the claimed step of "the key comprises first indicia identifying a group of records of the store, second indicia identifying a subgroup of the group, and third indicia identifying a record of the subgroup" as the graphical user interface displays information about the products and groups of products offered by the electronic store (col. 3, lines 25-26).

12. As per dependent claim 5 Jammes teaches the claimed step of "the record comprises a first field, a second field, and a third field, wherein the first field comprises a first value, the second field comprises a second value; and the third field comprises a third value and the key comprises the first value, the second value, and the third value" as information about groups and the relationship between them (col. 4, lines 12-15).

13. As per dependent claim 6, Jammes teaches the claimed step of "the key comprises a result of concatenation of the first indicia, the second indicia, and the third indicia" (Fig. 3, col. 16, lines 11-18).

14. As per dependent claim 7, Jammes teaches the claimed step of "the message further comprises a parameter name and a parameter value, the parameter name comprising the key" as the result message includes a result code in name/value pair format (Fig. 11A-B, col.35, lines 4-5).

15. As per dependent claim 8, Jammes teaches the claimed step of "the store comprises a plurality of value names and a corresponding plurality of named values, the value name is a member of the plurality of value names and the step for updating further comprises a step for assigning the update value as the named value corresponding to the value name" as if a dragged element represents a group, then the R_Drag_Event_Handler accesses drag source information including Group_ID value, Group_Name value, Parent value, and a Type value. A Type value of `G` indicates, for example, that the dragged element represents a group. If a dragged element represents a product, however, then the R_Drag_Event_Handler accesses drag source information including Product_ID value, Product_Name value, and a Type value of `P` (Fig. 10B, col. 33, lines 6-15).

16. As per dependent claim 9, Fong teaches the claimed step of "the step for parsing to determine a value name comprises a step for parsing the attribute value according to the markup language to determine a second start tag and a second attribute value"; and

"the value name is determined in accordance with the second attribute value" (Fig. 1C-D, col. 9, lines 9-18).

17. As per dependent claim 10, Fong teaches the claimed step of "a step for parsing the attribute value according to the markup language to determine a second start tag and a step for parsing the second start tag to determine a second attribute value, a third attribute value, and a fourth attribute value and the value name is determined in accordance with the second attribute value, the third attribute value, and the fourth attribute value" as the SGML tag in the string of line 64 of Fig. 1C is obtained and it becomes '<t1>'. The transformer obtains the current attribute name and value for the tag. The DTD of Fig. 1A is examined to determine the SGML tag corresponding to the element defined in line 26 with its corresponding attribute list established in line 28 (Fig. 1A, C, col. 8, lines 45-52).

18. As per dependent claim 10, Jammes teaches the claimed step of "A computer readable medium comprising indicia of as per dependent claim 10" as a web browser may be implemented as a collection of instructions stored on computer readable media (col. 6, lines 58-60).

19. As per independent claim 22, Fong teaches the claimed step of "a step for composing a page to be sent via a network, the page comprising, a start tag comprising an attribute value, the attribute value comprising a value name and at least one named value recalled from the record of the store" as he character string `#REQUIRED` is an attribute value indicating that the attribute must be specified. For this example, in the

SGML document of FIG. 1C the element t1 on line 64 has a general character content value of "hilarry" assigned to the name attribute of this element t1 (Fig. 1C, col. 7, lines 51-56). Fong does not explicitly teach the step of providing to client the response form the server. However, Jammes do teach the claimed step of "a step for decomposing a message received via the network, the message comprising indicia of the value name and a replacement value and a step for updating the named value of the record in accordance with the replacement value, wherein updating comprises a step for accessing the record in accordance with the indicia of the value name"(Fig. 3, col. 18, lines 16-33). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, to have combined the teachings of the cited references because Jammes' teachings would have allowed Fong's method to provide the information to a user with the response from the server in order to facilitate the developers with the needed functionality and flexibility needed to efficiently generate and control a dynamic electronic store environment (col. 1, lines 31-38).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sathyanarayan Pannala whose telephone number is (571) 272-4115. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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